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In re Patent Application:	:	Group Art Unit: 2141
A. King	:	Examiner: April L. Baugh
Serial No.: 09/539,459	:	IBM Corporation
Filed: 03/30/2000	:	Intellectual Property Law
Title: METHOD & STRUCTURE FOR	:	Department IQ0A/040-3
EFFICIENTLY RETRIEVING STATUS FOR	:	1701 North Street
SCSI ACCESSED FAULT-TOLERANT	:	Endicott, NY 13760
ENCLOSURE	:	

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed 01/22/2004.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 70-87.

1. 54 (previously amended) A method for communicating to a host system a numerically variable characteristic of a subsystem, said method comprising the steps of:

said subsystem receiving a request from said host system to monitor said numerically variable characteristic of said subsystem and report to said host system a value of said characteristic or an amount of change of said characteristic when a minimum numerical amount of said change occurs, said request specifying said minimum numerical amount of said change; and

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Invention: METHOD & STRUCTURE FOR EFFICIENT RETRIEVING STATUS FOR SCSI ACCESSED  
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